

BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Administration of Telecommunications Utility Annual Reports

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**INFORMATION REGARDING CONFIDENTIAL FILINGS**

This information is being provided to assist telecommunications providers who wish to request confidential handling of portions of their annual reports. The statutory filing date for the annual report is April 1.<sup>1</sup> All incumbent local exchange carriers (ILEC), competitive local exchange carriers (CLEC), alternative telecommunications utility-telecommunications resellers (RES), commercial mobile radio service providers (CMRS), alternative telecommunications utility-cable television telecommunications service providers (CTV), interexchange carriers (IXC), and certain video distance learning providers (VDL) are required to file this report each year. The Commission has the authority to compel the filing of these annual reports pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 196.07, 196.202, 196.218, 196.25, and 196.499, and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 160.

There are separate annual report forms for each type of provider listed above. To complete these annual reports, companies must access the Commission's web page at: <http://psc.wi.gov/> and either download a program, or fill out a web-based form. Each of these methods is a paperless filing process. Some of the programs contain the capability

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<sup>1</sup> In those years when April 1 falls on a weekend, as is the case this year, the annual report is due on the next weekday. For 2007, the annual report is due April 2, 2007.

to allow users to file selected portions of the report on a provisional confidential basis.<sup>2</sup>

Complete lists of items eligible for provisional confidential treatment in 2004 annual report programs were detailed in multiple confidential determinations issued June 9, 2005.<sup>3</sup> For providers not owned or operated by municipalities, and classified as CLEC, RES, CMRS, CTV, IXC, VDL, those items, and no others, shall remain eligible for provisional confidential treatment.

Wis. Stat. § 66.0805(3) requires that municipalities keep books of account that are open to the public. Consequently, for telecommunications providers owned or operated by municipalities, no items are to be filed confidentially in the annual report submitted to the Commission.

For ILECs, the Commission is authorizing changes to the previously authorized list of items eligible for provisional confidential treatment. Some items are no longer required to be reported, based on a review of the regulatory need for annual reporting of such data. Other items are being added to the list. For these items, as well as all items authorized for provisional confidential treatment, there is a reasonable basis to conclude that such information would be useful to a competitor of a public utility.

The complete revised list of schedules and identified information eligible for

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<sup>2</sup> Certain annual report programs contain padlocks allowing users to file selected information on a confidential basis. However, a particular item is only accorded provisional confidential treatment if the padlock associated with that item is locked.

<sup>3</sup> These confidentiality determinations can be viewed on the Commission's website at: [http://psc.wi.gov/apps/erf\\_confidential/default.aspx](http://psc.wi.gov/apps/erf_confidential/default.aspx).

provisional confidential treatment for ILECs is as follows:

1. Annual Report Notes and Changes schedule (p. 8) - Item 1, estimated increase or decrease in annual revenues due to important rate changes.
2. Balance Sheet – Assets schedule (p. 9).
  - a. Inventories (1220);
  - b. Other Current Assets (1120-1350, except 1220);
  - c. Nonregulated Investments (1406);
  - d. RTB Class B Stock (1410);
  - e. Other Concurrent Assets (1410);
  - f. Deferred Maintenance, Retirements and Other Deferred Charges (1438);
  - g. Other Jurisdictional Assets – Net (1500);
  - h. Property Held for Future Telecommunications Use (2002);
  - i. Accumulated Depreciation – Held for Future Telecommunications Use (3200);
  - j. Nonoperating Plant (2006);
  - k. Accumulated Depreciation – Nonoperating (3300);
  - l. Telecommunications Plant Under Construction (2003);
  - m. Telecommunications Plant Adjustment (2005); and
  - n. Goodwill (2007).
3. Balance Sheet – Assets schedule (p. 10).
  - a. Notes Payable (former account 4020);

- b. Current Maturities – Long Term Debt (former account 4050);
  - c. Current Maturities – Capital Leases (former account 4060);
  - d. Other Current Liabilities (4000-4130, except 4020, 4050, and 4060);
  - e. Capital Stock (4510);
  - f. Additional Paid-In Capital (4520);
  - g. Treasury Stock (4530);
  - h. Other Capital (4540); and
  - i. Retained Earnings (4550).
4. Affiliated Interest Transactions schedule (p. 12).
- a. Total dollar activity;
  - b. Activity exceeds reporting threshold; and
  - c. Percent billed to regulated utilities.
5. Affiliated Assets and Liabilities schedule (p. 13) – All amounts in Balance End of Year (EOY) column.
6. Telecommunications Plant in Service and Accumulated Depreciation schedules (pp. 14-15 and 18-19) - All items except for:
- a. The depreciation rate column; and
  - b. All items on the following lines:
    - 1) Total General Support Assets;
    - 2) Total Central Office Assets;
    - 3) Total Information Origination/Termination Assets;
    - 4) Total Cable and Wire Facilities Assets;

- 5) Total Amortizable Assets;
  - 6) Total Telecommunications Plant in Service;
  - 7) Total Accumulated Depreciation;
  - 8) Allocation to Nonregulated Activity;
  - 9) Net Regulated Total Accumulated Depreciation; and
  - 10) Net Regulated Total Telecommunications Plant in Service.
7. Telecommunications Plant in Service (Sub-Class Accounts) and Accumulated Depreciation (Sub-Class Accounts) schedules (p. 16-17 and 20-21) – All amounts except for depreciation rates.
8. Revenues schedule (p. 22).
- a. Basic Area Revenue (5001)
  - b. Private Line Revenue (5040);
  - c. Other Basic Area Revenue (5060);
  - d. Miscellaneous Revenue (5200);
  - e. Reciprocal Compensation Revenue (5200);
  - f. Unbundled Network Element Revenues (5200);
  - g. Directory Revenue (5230); and
  - h. Nonregulated Operating Revenue (5280).
9. Calculation of Assessable Revenues for Remainder and Telephone Relay Assessment Purposes schedule (p. 23).
- a. Nonregulated Operating Revenues;
  - b. Nonregulated Net Write Off Amount; and

- c. Plus (or Less) Other.

10. Calculation of Assessable Revenues for Universal Service Fund

Assessment Purposes schedule (p. 23).

- a. Intrastate Payphone Revenues;
- b. Plus (or Less) Other; and
- c. Assessable Revenues for Universal Service Fund Assessment Purposes (if at least one of the earlier items in this schedule was accorded confidential treatment).

11. Nonregulated Activities schedule (p. 24) - Nonregulated activities other than Customer Premises Equipment (CPE), Inside Wiring, and Payphones.

12. Access Usage schedule (p. 25) – All billed minutes, for those ILECs with three or fewer exchanges.

13. Service Data schedule (p. 27) – The following items, only for those ILECs with three or fewer exchanges:

- a. Business category.
  - 1) 1 Party;
  - 2) PBX Trunks/Centrex & Key System Trunks;
  - 3) Centrex Lines; and
  - 4) Other.
- b. Miscellaneous category.
  - 1) Special Access – intraLATA;

- 2) Special Access – interLATA;
  - 3) Feature Group C and D Trunks;
  - 4) Cellular Trunks (Public Switched Network); and
  - 5) Other.
14. Service Data - End of Year schedule (p. 28) - All exchange specific data, except exchange name and identification number.
15. Central Office Data - End of Year Schedule (p. 30).
- a. Access Lines - In Use;
  - b. Trunks - In Use;
  - c. DSL - In Use (# lines);
  - d. Digital Service Available: DS-1 - In Use;
  - e. Digital Service Available: DS-3 - In Use;
  - f. Digital Service Available: OC-3 - In Use;
  - g. Fiber Transmission Facilities: Miles of fiber sheath in wire center.

The list of items described in this determination shall be eligible for provisional confidential treatment in the 2006 and future annual reports, unless the list is modified by a subsequent determination of the Commission.

Unless a telecommunications provider desires additional provisional confidential treatment of any portion of the annual report, all annual report filings must be accomplished via the established paperless filing process.<sup>4</sup> Filing of the annual report using the standard process

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<sup>4</sup> Program instructions direct that if a user desires additional provisional confidential treatment above that provided in the annual report form, the user should not electronically file the annual report. Instead, the user should contact Commission staff for alternate filing instructions.

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will result in the remaining portions of the report being available to the public. Any telecommunications provider wishing to file additional portions of its annual report on a confidential basis should contact Christopher Larson of the Commission staff, at (608) 267-9508, or [Christopher.Larson@psc.state.wi.us](mailto:Christopher.Larson@psc.state.wi.us). Subsequent to a request for additional confidential treatment, the Commission will issue a confidentiality determination. If the Commission denies a request for confidential handling, the information will be handled confidentially until 14 days after the determination, after which it will be posted on the Commission's website along with the remainder of the annual report.

This confidential determination is based on the authority delegated to the Administrator of the Telecommunications Division on March 11, 2004.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, February 5, 2007

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